

In the Claims

Please replace all prior claim listings with the following:

1 - 38. (Cancelled)

39 - 47. (Withdrawn)

48. (New) A method for use in a computer system comprising at least a first computer, a second computer and a network that couples the first and second computers, the method comprising an act of:

(A) sharing a context between at least first and second applications, the first application having a first user interface executing on the first computer, the second application having a second user interface executing on the first computer, the sharing of the context comprising passing context information over the network between the first user interface and a context manager executing on the second computer and between the second user interface and the context manager.

49. (New) The method of claim 48, wherein the context comprises a data item usable by the first and second applications, the data item having a set of values comprising at least a first value corresponding to the first application and a second value corresponding to the second application, the set of values identifying a subject in the context, and wherein the act of sharing the context comprises, in response to a user of the first computer switching from the first application to the second application, exchanging the value of the data item corresponding to the first application with the value of the data item corresponding to the second application to retain the context.

50. (New) The method of claim 49, wherein the passing of the context information over the network is performed using an Internet-based communication protocol.

51. (New) The method of claim 48, wherein the second computer comprises a Web server.

52. (New) The method of claim 48, wherein the second computer is a publicly accessible server.
53. (New) The method of claim 48, wherein the network comprises the Internet.
54. (New) The method of claim 48, wherein the network comprises a publicly available network.
55. (New) The method of claim 48, wherein the sharing of the context comprises passing the context information using the HTTP protocol.
56. (New) The method of claim 48, wherein the first application executes on the first computer.
57. (New) The method of claim 48, wherein the first application executes remotely from the first computer.
58. (New) The method of claim 57, wherein the computer system further comprises a third computer and wherein the first application executes on the third computer.
59. (New) The method of claim 58, wherein the third computer is a web server and the first user interface is a browser.
60. (New) The method of claim 48, wherein the computer system further comprises a third computer, wherein the context comprises a first context, and wherein the method comprises an act of:
- (B) sharing a second context between at least third and fourth applications, the third application having a third user interface executing on the third computer, the fourth application having a fourth user interface executing on the first computer, the sharing of the second context

comprising passing context information over the network between the third user interface and the context manager executing on the second computer and between the fourth user interface and the context manager.

61. (New) The method of claim 48, wherein the second computer comprises a server appliance.

62. (New) The method of claim 48, wherein the passing of the context information between the first user interface and the context manager comprises passing at least some of the context information from the first user interface to the context manager.

63. (New) The method of claim 48, wherein the passing of the context information between the first user interface and the context manager comprises passing at least some of the context information from the context manager to the first user interface.

64. (New) The method of claim 48, wherein the context information is defined in accordance with a Clinical Context Object Workgroup (CCOW) standard.

65. (New) The method of claim 48, wherein the context information comprises information on at least one of a plurality of subjects comprising a user subject, a patient subject and an encounter subject.

66. (New) A method for use in a system comprising a first computer, a second computer and a network that couples the first and second computers, the method comprising an act of:

(A) sharing a context between at least first and second applications having respective first and second user interfaces executing on the first computer, the second application executing on the second computer, the sharing of the context comprising passing context information between the first user interface and the context manager and between the second application and the context manager.

67. (New) The method of claim 66, wherein the passing of the context information between the second application and the context manager comprises passing at least some of the context information between the context manager and the second user interface.